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SUBJECT: CLASSIFIED POUCH EXCHANGES AT LENINGRAD

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED TODAY ON IVAN ILYICH VASILEV, OFFICER OF COUNSULAR ADMINISTRATION OF MFA, TO REQUEST MINISTRY'S ASSISTANCE IN GRANTING PERMISSION FOR CONGEN VEHICLE TO PROCEED DIRECTLY TO AIRCRAFT WHEN MAKING WEEKLY EXCHANGES OF CLASSIFIED POUCHES. (MIKHAIL IVANOVICH CHERNIGOV, FIRST SECRETARY WAS ALSO PRESENT BUT TOOK NO PART IN DISCUSSION.) EMBASSY OFFICER OUTLINED LENINGRAD'S EFFORTS TO RESOLVE MATTER, CITING NOTE NO. 22 OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1974 TO DIPLOMATIC AGENCY AND DECEMBER 12 REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION.

2. VASILEV STATED THAT NO EXCEPTION WOULD BE MADE TO THE PRESENT PROCEDURE, AS ONE EXCEPTION COULD LEAD TO ANOTHER. HE SAID THAT EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS AT LENINGRAD CALLED FOR THE CONSULATE'S REPRESENTATIVE TO APPLY TO THE ADMINIS-TRATOR OF THE AIRPORT WHO WOULD SUPPLY A MOTORIZED BAGGAGE TRUCK WHICH WOULD MEET THE CONSULATE GENERAL'S NEEDS. HE BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION OF THE SOVIET CONSU-LATE GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO, SAYING THAT THE CONSULATE WAS NOT SERVICED BY COURIERS BUT RATHER BY THE
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SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, A DISTANCE OF 3,000 MILES,

WHEREAS CONGEN MAKING AN ISSUE ABOUT A MATTER OF A FEW HUNDRED METERS.

3. EMBASSY OFFICER REPLIED THAT THE PROPOSAL OF A MOTORIZED OPEN BAGGAGE CART PROVIDED NO SOLUTION. FIRST, IT HAD NEVER BEEN MADE AVAILABLE. SECOND, IT WAS AN OPEN VEHICLE AND TEMPERATURES IN LENINGRAD WERE COLD AND THE DIPLOMATIC POUCHES HEAVY AND BULKY. ASKED WHY LENINGRAD AIRPORT AUTHORITIES COULD NOT PERMIT VEHICLES TO APPROACH PLANE AS MOSCOW AIRPORT AUTHORITIES DO, VASILEV COULD GIVE NO REASON OTHER THAN LENINGRAD IS NOT MOSCOW, AND LENINGRAD HAS ITS OWN ORDER (PORYADOK).

4. EMBASSY OFFICER SAID OUR COUNTRIES NOW DISCUSSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR OPENING ANOTHER CONSULATE IN KIEV. AS WE ARE IN PROCESS OF EXPANDING CONSULAR RELATIONS, WE CERTAINLY SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RESOLVE RELATIVELY MINOR PROBLEM AFFECTING EXISTING CONSULATE. EMBASSY OFFICER AGAIN EMPHASIZED THAT NO SATISFACTORY TRANSPORTATION THUS FAR HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE BY LENINGRAD AIRPORT AUTHORITIES FOR TRANSPORTING POUCHES, AND STRESSED EASIEST SOLUTION FOR ALL CONCERNED WOULD BE TO PERMIT CONGEN VEHICLE TO APPROACH AIRCRAFT TO EXCHANGE POUCHES. VASILEV THEN AGREED TO CONVEY THIS REQUEST TO THE AIRPORT AUTHORITIES IN LENINGRAD.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON PROCEDURES FOLLOWED ON AIRPORT EXCHANGES IN SAN FRANCISCO AND ALSO NEW YORK.
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